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Town sending letter for precursory investigation

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

A special town council meeting was called on April 30 to address the new petition of inquiry circulating in the community, a meeting that became very heated as council opened the floor for public comments and questions. Council wanted to address residents' concerns and learn what they wanted to know or needed clarification on in regards to the Shantz Crossing Business Park project, the 2012 budget, and other information that some wanted addressed.

The decision to move forward with Shantz was made after a five-to-two vote at the April 24 regular council meeting, much to the dissatisfaction of many residents including Rick Lavigne, who had spearheaded the new petition to request municipal affairs do an investigation of the town and administration.

Council seemed fine with this new petition, however, even going as far as to motion to send a letter to municipal affairs to have a precursory investigation done.

"We don't have a problem bringing in an auditor to look over things as well," said Mayor Brian Wittal at the meeting.

Tempers began to flare between residents and council as the floor continued to voice concerns about the lack of roadwork being done, the risk of Shantz and concern over its debt, and other off-topic issues in the community. One resident flat-out told council that they were "PO'd" about the fact that their taxes had gone up every single year since they had moved to Didsbury.

"There are five people on council who the town are not happy with," said resident Ric Wohlgemuth. "I don't think you voted with conscience."

"We thank everybody for their openness and willingness to share their views," said Coun. Lavar Adams. "We debate all motions with the best information we have available to us. How do we know what the voice of the town is if we don't hear from individuals like you? We all have a passion to watch the town grow and be all it can be."

Discussion between residents and councillors settled to talk about ways council could simplify information about Shantz, the town debt levels and servicing and bud-

get figures to help keep correct information openly circulating to any and all residents who wanted to learn it.

While all this information is available on the town website, some individuals voiced that there was still confusion when reviewing the complicated accounting figures.

"As we go down the road, we will give updates, but for now it's public information that can be shared with anybody, and if there is a group who would like a formal presentation, we can do that," said Wittal after the meeting.

"We assume the information is out... Until just a few weeks ago there was no concern around the debt levels and debt servicing, and people question it, and some don't understand."

"Accounting is complicated," added Wittal. "We could put it to basic math, chequebook-style, but that would take a lot of time, and before, if people weren't asking [for that], why do it? We need clarification on what we need to clarify, and we got that last night."

Council will be meeting for a retreat this fall to discuss plans moving forward into 2013, outlining priorities and budget strategies for the new year. "This fall, prior to the retreat, we want to try to get residents to give feedback at that time so we can try to build the budget around that, and see how it works," said Wittal.

"We try to get more people engaged, and would love to see more engagement like this. The more voices that we hear, the easier it is for us to make decisions. The more people we hear from, it helps council know we are making a decision based on what residents are saying."

However, in the case of Shantz, which has been years in the making and moving forward, resident feedback may have come a bit too late. While a petition on appealing the directional signage the town had wanted to start was accepted by the town and, after being scrutinized for legitimacy of signatures but still taken into consideration by council to postpone the project, holding off on Shantz is not a move Wittal sees as beneficial, and he has said so at past meetings.

"Once the wheels get rolling on some things, you can't stop, and that makes people frustrated, but I appreciate and understand that," said Wittal.

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ROLLIN' ALONG - The Didsbury U10/U12 inline hockey team practise at the Didsbury Memorial Complex last Tuesday.

Miki Town holds future benefits

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Didsbury Staff

A recurring topic some residents have been bringing up at several past discussions and meetings with the town is the concern over the Japan twinning project

that the Town of Didsbury is currently involved in with Miki Town.

However, according to Mayor Brian Wittal, the twinning has gone "beyond" successful student exchanges, and poses as a beneficial, long-term opportunity for the town.

One project with Miki Town that has been in the works since 2008 is the Les Gants fashion gloves, which are now in the works to be distributed in North America, with Didsbury making roughly \$300,000 (300,000 yen) for three years in royalties.

Part of these funds could be used towards paying for expenses for future trips, Wittal said.

"We're talking with parents of students on the exchange to start up a group organization as well," said Wittal in regards to other fundraising efforts for the twinning trips.

Didsbury will also be playing host to the Alberta-Japan twinning conference next year with between 40 and 50 community representatives in attendance.

The town will be inviting some individuals from Miki Town for the conference as well, including the mayor, CEO of Les Gants Tadashin Sunagawa and Miki Town's economic development committee.

"It's gone past the twinning," said Wittal

about working on prospective economic opportunities with Miki Town. "We want to show them what is happening in Central Alberta, and take them to individual businesses. We want to give them some good insight about what's in the area. It may be a fit for them as investors."

Wittal was adamant that part of why the town is continuing with the twinning program is because of the benefits it potentially has for Didsbury.

"There's great potential opportunity there. Some criticize that we should stay closer to home," said Wittal. "There's future opportunity here. We believe there is potential in the long term and that it's worth it, especially if we can get this glove program going."

"When they come to you and suggest economic opportunities, how do you say no?" added Wittal. "The relationship is there with them and they are willing to talk business. I certainly see what residents are saying, they see it as a holiday for us, but it is strictly business."

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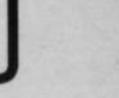
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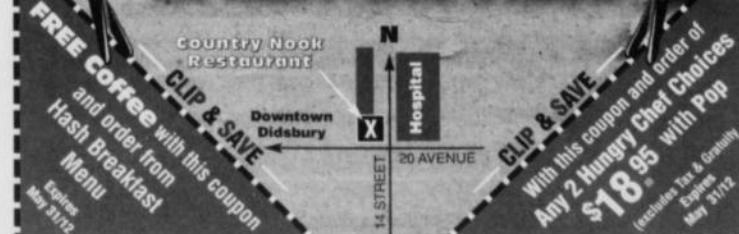
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Highway sign looking for more logos

BY MADISON
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Some investigation and possible additions to the Didsbury highway sign have gotten underway.

The sign, which changed over to the blue, North American-standard design from the original brown style in 2006, has long only advertised Tanas Concrete as a business Didsbury had to offer to those driving past.

Community Planning Officer Lesley Bannister is looking to see some other local businesses displayed to drivers as well.

The highway sign itself, however, is not a town project, but was implemented by Alberta Transportation and Travel Alberta, and delegated to

Guide Signs Industries.

The purpose of the sign was to promote tourism and business sites to the 50,000 drivers who use the highway on a daily basis. However, when the call for applications went out after the new sign's implementation, only one business was later posted.

"This came to my attention and I was curious," said Bannister, who began looking into the signage in the summer of 2011. "I come from a tourism background, one of my passions is getting Didsbury more tourism friendly, and signage would be a great starting point."

Since then, Bannister has re-contacted local businesses who may have come after the sign's installation and dropped

off handwritten notices.

Guide Signs Industries takes applications for the sign for a fee of \$2,250 for a five-year term. The fee includes installation and the logo used on the sign.

A sign holds up to nine logos, allowing up to 18 advertising slots for the two signs planned for Didsbury. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis however.

It then takes two months to get a logo made and put up. In a situation where there are four or more businesses posted of the same field (gas and food, for example), another separate sign for that field can be put up for no extra cost.

As of now, two other businesses, WestCan and Golden River, have submitted their applications

to be on the sign.

"It can be challenging for businesses in Didsbury because they're asking for a logo, and so many businesses are owner-operated, and not with a strong brand presence," said Bannister. "It's a challenge worth it for the amount of exposure, though."

"Didsbury has enormous potential, we have phenomenal businesses here," added Bannister. "I would love to see signs of our local businesses up there. It's a pretty awesome program. The cost for a billboard that lasts for a few weeks in the high thousands, but this is opportunity for a logo on a sign for five years for less. It gets drivers to make the six-kilometre trek, and makes the community look big and vibrant."

Pay-by-donation book sale supports library

BY MADISON
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The Friends of the Didsbury Library will be putting on their second yearly book sale on May 11 and 12 in support of the Didsbury library.

The sale, which will take place in the lawn bowling basement down the street from the Didsbury Curling Club, will be held from noon to 7 p.m. on May 11

and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 12.

"We're not selling the books. People come and take the books and make a donation," said Judy Towell, one of the organizers for the sale.

All donations will be going to the Didsbury Municipal Library.

The donation-as-payment method was implemented two years ago, and Towell says it has been a very effective method that

allows the group to apply for grants, and helps to cut down on the manpower needed to individually price every single book.

Book genres will range from fiction, non-fiction, children's books, travel and more. Fiction books will be organized alphabetically by author and non-fiction by topic.

There will also be a "staff picks" table with recommendations by those running the sale.

"That way people can come right in and find what they want," said Towell.

All books were either donated for the sale or are no longer in use by the library.

"It gives people the chance to find collector's items, and books people haven't been able to find," said Towell. "It's a lot of fun for us and we hope the patrons are having fun too."



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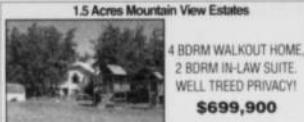
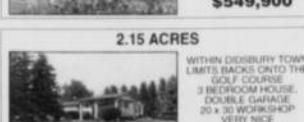
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Editorial

Gang recruitment must be made criminal



DAN SINGLETON

While some recent moves by the Harper Tories have been anything but universally applauded, last week's announcement that the government plans to make life much tougher for people who recruit for criminal gangs is welcome news.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said the government will introduce new legislation that will make it a criminal offence to recruit or otherwise

encourage anyone to join a criminal organization, including gangs.

"Making gang recruitment a stand-alone Criminal Code offence sends a clear message that this behaviour will not be tolerated," Nicholson said.

Anyone found guilty under the new legislation could face up to five years in prison. As well, if the person is convicted of recruiting someone under 18 years of age, there will also be a mandatory minimum sentence of six months in jail.

Whether it's big cities or small towns, the insidious reach of gangs remains a threat to the stability and safety of communities across Canada, harming legitimate business activity and placing great pressure on law enforcement.

And for those successfully recruited into criminal gangs, the long-term impact can be devastating and life changing.

Make no mistake, while small towns and villages don't usually see gang members operating openly, as they sometimes do in the bigger centres, the impact of organized criminal gangs is certainly felt here.

The hard truth is whether it's drug dealing, fencing of stolen property, criminal harassment or other organized illegal activities, criminal gangs continue to carry out their unlawful business with vigor and great resilience.

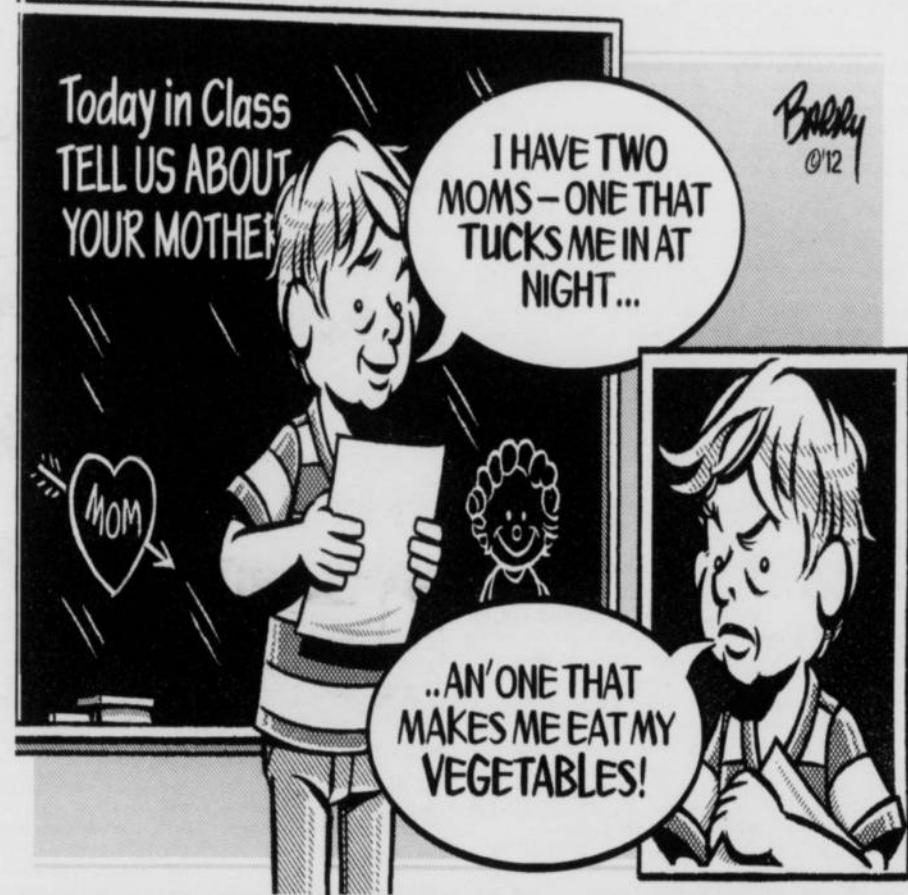
Conservative MP Parm Gill has put forward Bill C-394, the Criminal Organized Recruitment Act, in an effort to stop gang recruitment at the source, stemming the flow of new members that make the illegal activities possible.

"Gangs today are targeting our most vulnerable citizens, including youth under the age of 12, and as young as eight years old," Gill said. "Gangs across this nation are becoming more aggressive and bolder in the ways that they recruit potential members."

If passed, this new legislation will close a very troubling loophole in the current law. And if, in the end, the new law is successful in deterring gang members and others from targeting and recruiting young people and adults into gangs, then it will be good news for everyone, including residents of West Central Alberta.

RCMP and other enforcement agencies spend a great deal of time and effort fighting organized crime. While many of those efforts are successful, making it illegal to bring new members into gangs would give police another useful tool for their arsenal.

As such, MPs of all parties should be encouraged to work together to ensure this new legislation becomes law without delay.



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Letter to the editor

Upset with Shantz motion

Last Monday, about 20 other residents and I attended a special meeting of mayor, council and town officials to discuss the petition being circulated calling for a Government of Alberta audit of the Town of Didsbury.

Residents demanded answers, but to no avail. If you have been away or missed last week's Didsbury Review you can go online and read the story on the front page. With two highly respected developers cautioning against the Shantz Crossing project, and offering alternatives to moving forward, five of the seven councillors still voted to move ahead with the project and allocate funding of over \$3 million.

I asked the five councillors who voted to allocate the additional money to the Shantz Crossing project (without one lot being sold on the property) what their reasoning was. Not one of them would stand up and answer the question. Some turned away, others

looked down and one councillor indicated she had already said enough.

For the two councillors who voted against the motion, my hat's off to you. In the minds of most people it would only seem right that since mayor and council are entrusted with the stewardship of our tax dollars that at least they would publicly give their reasons. I challenge each one of the five who voted in favour to put their reasons in writing and make the answers public.

What I would like to suggest is that each taxpaying resident email each of the five councillors asking why they voted for the motion and what was their reasoning. All the email addresses are posted on the town website under 'town council, mayor and council, council profiles.' Also, you may want to look at the 2011 audited budget which is also posted. You will find that under 'Town Services,'

Financial Reporting and Budget.' Even if you don't understand numbers, look at the differences between 2010, 2011, and the 2012 budget. There are some very interesting differences.

If you don't get a satisfactory reply, then I suggest that every taxpayer in Didsbury sign the petition. The location of the petition is on the east side of 20th Street, between 21st and 22nd Avenue. I would also suggest that if you have some time, stay around for a while and listen to what other people are saying. Personally I was shocked by some of the comments being made about the town and how it is being run. These were not comments by the individuals gathering names for the petition, but comments from taxpayers who came down to sign the petition.

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Show 'n' Shine celebrates best in vehicles and town spirit

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
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The 20th Annual Show 'n' Shine is back again for another year on May 12, bringing out some of the best vintage vehicles and souped-up hot rods to Didsbury.

The event, which will start at 9 a.m. and wrap up at 3 p.m. with awards, will be back in its more traditional downtown location outside the train station, as opposed to last year outside the Credit Union.

A few specialty things had been planned for the 20th anniversary, but due to the busy season most were not able to happen for this year.

However, chairman Grant Svendsen predicts some special entertainment for the 25th anniversary, and said that "we put on a good party every year."

Along with the usual judging categories and Mayor's Pick, this year will also see the return of the Business Choice Award.

"Last year we instigated

the businesses in town to get more involved," said Svendsen. "Businesses sponsored a trophy for a business choice award, and we'll be doing that again this year. It worked fabulously last year, so we're going to stay with it, it gets everyone involved."

Entrance into the event is by donation, with proceeds going to the Mountain View Food Bank.

"It's how it's always been," said Svendsen. "It goes a long way with the community."

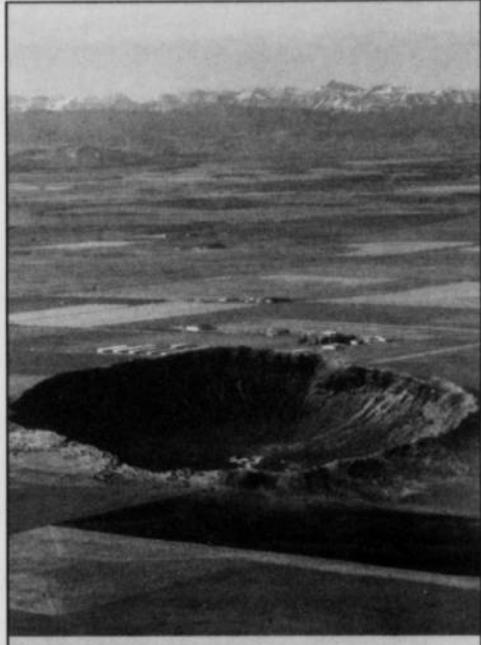
Any additional funds collected at the event will be put back into the community for school groups and other local organizations.

As for why those both new and old to Didsbury should be coming out for this year's show, Svendsen said, "There's something special about this town, it has a good attitude. It's a community with heart, we care about each other and everyone is involved with so many things. When people outside bring in their cars, they feel it too."

"They love coming back, that's the real kick," added



Sylvia Cole/Didsbury Review
Residents and visitors hit the streets to see the 2011 Show 'n' Shine. Svendsen. "It's almost like a family get-together. We communicate and connect and show it, so many people who come back, when they leave they'll tell us that they'll be back again. That they enjoyed it and had a good time. And that makes us feel good, to hear that."



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Aquatic Centre and Arena	403.335.7369

ROLLOUT CART PICK UP SCHEDULE

	May	June
Black Bin	8, 9, 22, 23	5, 6, 19, 20
Green Bin	1, 2, 15, 16, 29, 30	12, 13, 26, 27

YOUR RECYCLING DEPOT

The Public Works crew works hard to maintain the recycling depot located at 2602 - 19 Street; however there are some users that take advantage of the recycling center by dumping unacceptable items there. When this happens, the Town must take the items to the landfill resulting in an added cost to you, the taxpayer, in manpower and landfill charges.

For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items, please pick up a copy of the *Residents Guide to Recycling & Composting* available at the Town Office, Public Works office or online at www.didsbury.ca/town/garbage.

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TREES AND HEDGES

Overgrown trees and hedges can be a significant safety hazard for pedestrians as well as a sight-line hazard for drivers.

Now that spring is here, we would like to remind residents to trim back any overgrown shrubs and low-hanging tree branches to eliminate these hazards.

DIDSBUY NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Community Garage Sale: Scheduled for Saturday May 12 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Curling Rink. Book a table and recycle your home items. Cost is \$15.00 per table.

Young Chefs: Friday June 1 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Cost is \$38.00.

Babysitting Course: Friday June 1 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Cost is \$55.00.

For more information or to register for any upcoming program, please call Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403.335.8719.

PUBLIC MEETINGS	
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m.	
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. CANCELLED	
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, May 9 at 4:30 p.m..	
Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Spring Clean-Up Week May 22 to May 26, 2012

Residents are encouraged to clean up their properties and take advantage of the "Landfill Days" beginning **Tuesday, May 22 thru Saturday, May 26** from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (Saturday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm).

To access the landfill site, please pick up a tag (with proof of residency ie. utility bill) at the Public Works Shop, for a fee of \$15 between May 1-19. This tag needs to be handed in to the attendant at the Landfill Site upon arrival. Individuals who do not hand in a tag, regular landfill rates will be applied at the site. **The tag will only honour ½-ton or ¾-ton trucks.**

Tuesday, May 22 - White Day The Town will collect appliances from your residence providing it has been placed on the curb. A tag will be issued upon request for a fee of \$15. Only fridges, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers and bathtubs will be picked up.

Wednesday, May 23 - Curbside Day Elderly or disabled requiring curbside pickup, please make arrangements at the Public Works Shop when picking up a tag, for a fee of \$10 between May 1 - May 19. Please hand in your tag to the attendant picking up for you.

As per Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission guidelines: scrap metal, propane tanks, waste oil, and household hazardous waste can be accepted at the site. **MATERIALS MUST BE SORTED PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE SITE.** This will save your time, the landfill attendant's time and others trying to access the site's time.

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AD BOOKING DEADLINE

is Tues., May 15 at 5 p.m.,

COPY DEADLINE will be noon Wed., May 16.

We need to have the MVG to press early Thursday.

The AD BOOKING DEADLINE for the
Didsbury Review and the Olds Albertan

will be Wed., May 16 at 5 p.m.,

COPY DEADLINE Thurs., May 17 at noon.

Drug presentation this week

BY JENNIFER ISAAC
For the Review

Community members will get an opportunity to learn more about grow-ops and drug dealers on May 9.

The Didsbury Regional Community Police Advisory Committee is joining with the Didsbury RCMP and the Calgary RCMP Drug Section to present Identifying Grow

Ops and Dealers.

"Information will be presented on how to identify suspicious activities," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP. "There will also be information on how to report these activities."

The adult-only event takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

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OPEN HOUSE INVITATION

Angle Energy Inc. invites area residents to an Informal Open House. Angle's staff will be on hand to discuss drilling & completion techniques, wellsite facilities and future plans.

Open House Information:

Tuesday June 5, 2012

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HALL RENTALS:

ROSEBUD HALL RENTALS. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

RUGBY HALL RENTALS Call Delta at 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

5-0 CLUB HALL RENTALS. For Hall rentals and/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Gee 403-335-2861.

DIDSBUY ELKS HALL RENTALS. Call Shelley Fakir 403-335-9213.

ST. CYPRIAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL RENTALS contact Myrna Watt 403-335-3745.

LONE PINE HALL HALL, which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190 for rental information.

MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY HALL For meetings, community events, family or group reunions call Sharon 403-335-4288.

FALLEN TIMBER COMMUNITY HALL offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for information at 403-637-2270.

CITIZENS ON PATROL - Didsbury/Carstairs. Driving in a neighbourhood near you. To volunteer call 403-335-8755.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wednesday in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

DIDSBUY TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Judy Coutts at 403-335-2212 or Rosemary 403-335-2835

BEAVERS TUES. - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

KING HIRAM LODGE #21 - has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S. - Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, Call Marg Steckler at 403-335-2811

DIDSBUY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES - Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

DIDSBUY SHUTTLE BUS - Scheduled transportation for anyone on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN VIEW CHAPTER - Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

DIDSBUY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

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constraints. To try and accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 20 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month. 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

DIDSBUY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE - is a resource centre for the down, we provide information and referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-335-8719.

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA - For fun, friendship and adventure for girls and women of all ages! Join anytime. Leaders are needed for all units, no experience necessary. Ages: Sparks 5/6; Brownies 7/8; Guides 9 - 11; Pathfinders 12 - 14; rangers 15 & up. Call Karen 403-556-6881 for more information.

FRIDAYS - CRIBBAGE STARTS - at the Elks Hall - 7:00 p.m.

HUNTINGTONS - Are you or someone you love affected by HD? I am looking to start up a support group in the Didsbury area. If you are interested contact Kim Rauhala 403-335-9520.

BRING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS! Mountain View Optimists meets Tuesdays 7:30 pm at Sandy's in Olds: mountainviewoptimists@gmail.com

DIDSBUY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - Fridays at 8:30 at the Know United Church. 1406-19 Ave. Suzanne 403-337-3033 or Jennifer 403-335-8388

OUTLAWS 4-H HORSE CLUB is collecting used batteries. For info contact: 403-507-9242.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALIERS are back for another season. If you like to sing, join us Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the 5/0 Club.

13TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST - Host: Didsbury Elks. 8am-12pm. Mother's Day - Elks Hall. No charge for Mom, everyone else by donation. Free flower for mom's.

OLDS SENIOR SLO-PITCH TEAM IS LOOKING Players, 55+, male or female- first practice Tuesday May 1st. OR Hedges Park- Diamond 1-7:00pm. Questions Garrett 403-556-2333 or All 403-556-3123

DIDSBUY HIGH SCHOOL MAY MONARCH 2012 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER. MAY 9TH TO MAY 12TH Have any odd jobs you need done? Call 403-335-3356 and ask for a grad representative.

ROSS FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL presents Cow A Bunga Family Dance. Thursday May 31. 6:00 to 8:30. Silent Auction, Raffles, BBQ.

DIDSBUY REGIONAL COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE with Didsbury & Calgary RCMP Drug Section Presents: IDENTIFYING GROW OPS/ DEALERS. Wednesday, May 9 2012 7-9pm- Didsbury Memorial Complex- Multi-Purpose Room. ADULTS ONLY ATTEND

BOOK SALE- SPONSORED BY: FRIENDS OF THE DIDSBUY LIBRARY Friday May 11th, 12:00-7:00. - Saturday, May 12th, 9:00-1:00. - Lawn BC Basement. 1619-22 Ave.

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Placing Old Age Security on a Sustainable Path

Canadians are living longer and costs for the Old Age Security (OAS) are rising. On April 1, 2023 the Government of Canada plans to start raising the age of eligibility for OAS and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) from 65 to 67.*

What does this mean for you?

54 or older as of March 31, 2012

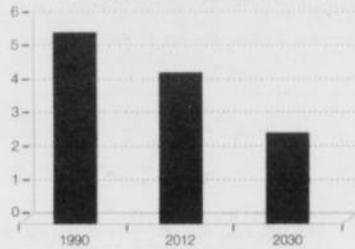
You may still obtain OAS/GIS at age 65

53 or younger as of March 31, 2012

The age of eligibility for OAS/GIS will change gradually between 2023 and 2029

Starting in July 2013, Canadians who are eligible for, but not yet receiving OAS will have the flexibility to delay receiving it in exchange for a higher monthly amount at a later date.

The number of working-age Canadians for every senior is decreasing**



The number of working-age Canadians per senior is decreasing, placing additional pressure on the OAS program.

**Source: 9th Actuarial Report on the Old Age Security Program

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ACREMAN

John Alan Acreman passed away peacefully May 1, 2012 surrounded by his family in Didsbury, Alberta after a brief battle with lung cancer. John was born November 29, 1939 in Victoria, B.C. to parents Bert and Annie Acreman. John's parents were founding pioneers of their hometown of Sooke, B.C. John shared his mother with the entire community as she was declared by the community the "Mother of Sooke" teaching 3 generations of students at Sooke Elementary School, and his father Bert passed on to his son his love of truck driving and "Uncle" Ralph Strong introducing John to the life of farming. He spent most of his life in Sooke, B.C. where he met and married his loving wife, Loretta raising 3 children on a small farm where John was a vital part of the community. Whether coaching hockey, umpiring softball or helping 4-H members, he always had time to help out with any community event or organization. John spent a large part of his working life driving off road trucks, heavy equipment, as well as owner operator of his own trucking company, then retiring from truck driving after many years with Butler Bros. Ready Mix in 1995.

Their passion for farming led them to move north to a ranch in Campbell River, B.C. and after many happy years there they relocated Elk Meadows Ranch to Didsbury, AB. There John was able to continue his passion for farming and raising purebred Red Angus cattle and to be close to his family within central Alberta. John could be seen at many farm and cattle auctions having coffee with old and new friends offering years of wisdom and common sense approach to life issues. John enjoyed many hobbies including his enthusiasm and passion of automotive and metal recycling, often taking him on road trips throughout the rural areas of B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan. John is survived by his wife of 49 years, Loretta, son Derek (Traci) and granddaughter Kelli, son Lorne (Kathie) and daughter Charlene. A celebration of his life will be held May 30, 2012 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 54 in Sooke, B.C. at 1:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sooke Region Museum, 2070 Phillips Rd., Sooke, B.C. V9Z 1H7. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd. Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610 www.heartlandfuneralservices.com



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PENNER, Betty Lou



Betty Lou Penner passed away at the Didsbury Hospital on May 2, 2012. She was the beloved wife of Harry Penner for 51 years after marrying him April 22, 1961. She was born near Lethbridge on April 24, 1941 to Willard and Leora Anderson.

Left to mourn are her husband; two sons: Jim (Twyla) of Didsbury, and Brian (Patty) of Turin; one daughter-in-law, Denita, of Mississauga; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; her mother; and one sister, Judy (Steve) Stead, along with many other family and friends. Betty is predeceased by her father; one son, Glenn Penner; and one grandson, Will Penner.

Betty left a wonderful legacy of an incredibly strong woman who loved her family no matter what. She was a faithful friend to anyone she met. She will be deeply missed.

A memorial service was held at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury on Monday, May 7 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Rosebud Health Foundation, Box 962, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0.

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SILVERTHORNE

Eveline Annabelle Silverthorne of Didsbury, passed away on Monday, April 30, 2012, at the age of 92 years, beloved wife of the late Douglas Silverthorne. She leaves to cherish her memory five children, Pauline Harris of Fort Macleod, Byron (Sandi) Bailey of Rousseau, Ontario, Geraldine (Wayne) Walsh of Calgary, Judith (Florent) Moissan of Quebec City, Clair McCullough of Calgary and their families; as well as two sisters-in-law, Edna Silverthorne and Myrtle Bangs both of Medicine Hat. Besides her husband Doug, Eveline was predeceased by her parents Julia and Byron Barnes. According to her wishes, a private graveside interment service will take place in the Prairiewood Cemetery. To e-mail an expression of sympathy, please direct it to: pattfh@telusplanet.net subject heading: Eveline Silverthorne, or you may visit www.gonebutnotforgotten.ca and leave a message of condolence.

Arrangements are by the PATTISON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORIUM 540 South Railway St. SE, Medicine Hat T1A 2V6. Please call 1-866-526-2214 for further information.

MCULLOCH, Katherine Gay

February 21, 1960 - April 12, 2012

It is with great sadness that the family of Kathy announce her passing on April 12, 2012. She passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family that loved her deeply.

Kathy grew up on the family farm east of Didsbury. She had a passion for experience and challenge which led her to a wide variety of employment opportunities. She lived and worked in Banff for Mount Norquay and Sulfer Mountain Gondola. She became an expert pot scrubber and potato peeler for Peter Bawden Drilling and worked in many parts of Alberta, B.C., the Yukon, and N.W.T. Upon her return from more travel she started freelance consulting for various travel agencies. She worked in the performing arts in Calgary with Alberta Theatre projects and the Philharmonic Orchestra. Her interests turned to the fashion industry, where she worked for a design Boutique featuring Canadian and especially local designers. Kathy worked behind the scenes in the organization and production of Fashion shows, the Miss. Calgary pageant, photo shoots, the Olympic torch commercial for the 1988 Olympics and wardrobe assistant for two West Sky Movies filmed in Calgary. Kathy had a great sense of adventure that took her to see 53 different countries leaving only the continent of Antarctica unexplored.

It's difficult to think of Kathy's life and not acknowledge the many physical struggles she endured and overcame. The many doctors appointments, hospitals, surgeries and cancer treatments, so it was heartbreaking to realize that this time would be her final battle. She leaves us a Legacy of how to live life with elegance, grace, kindness, confidence, humour and especially love. She was predeceased by her grandparents Jim and Mary McCulloch, Otto and Anna Krebs, her brother Earl and sister-in-law Sonja. She is survived by her loving husband Rick Kelk, parents Jean and Arnold McCulloch, siblings Ruby (Jim) Gole, Barry McCulloch, Steven (Jennifer) McCulloch, Jennifer (Devon) Rabchak. She is also survived by her brother-in-law Brian (Andrea) Kelk, sisters-in-law Susan Matucci and Sandra Hunter. Kathy had an extra special bond with each of her 27 nieces and nephews who will miss her dearly.

A celebration of Kathy's life was held at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury on Sunday April 22, 2012.

Interment of her ashes will be in the Didsbury Cemetery at a later date.

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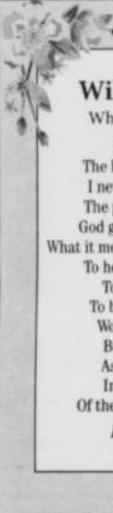
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Brander, Douglas Clark
January 30, 1944 - May 6, 2012
On May 6, 2012 Doug Brander passed away peacefully at the age of 68 years.

Doug is survived by his loving wife Andrea, his sons Jason (Jenn) Brander, Ian (Ashley) Brander, his daughters Heather (Gavin) Jones, Erin Franklin and Lesley (Chris) Franklin, stepchildren Jason Culp, Mandy Culp, and Amy Culp. Doug is also survived by two brothers and 7 sisters, beloved grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Doug was predeceased by his son Michael Brander, his parents Sandy and Elsie Brander and nephew Scott Brander. Doug touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts. A celebration of Doug's life will be held Friday May 11, 2012 at 2:00 pm at the Zion Church in Didsbury. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to a charity of one's choice.

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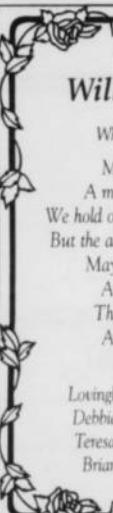


In loving memory of
William (Bill) Rigsby
Who passed away May 10, 2007

I WILL NEVER FORGET

The blow was hard, the shock severe;
I never dreamed your death so near
The pain of parting without farewell.
God gave me strength to face his blow,
What it meant losing you, no one will ever know.
To hear your voice, to see your smile,
To sit and talk with you awhile;
To be together in the same old way
Would be my dearest wish today.
But loving memories never die
As years roll on and days go by;
In my hearts a memory is kept
Of the one I love and will never forget.

Forever loved and missed
Mom (Isabelle Rigsby)



In Loving Memory of
Michael Leonard Barr
June 9, 1951 - May 8, 2011

A million times we cried,
If our love alone could save you,
You would of never died.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still,
In our hearts you hold a place,
No one can ever fill.
A light from our household is gone,
A voice from our love is stilled,
A place in our vacant home,
Which never can be filled.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
A part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
Your precious memories are for keepsakes,
With which we never part,
God has you safely in his keeping,
But we have you forever in our hearts.

Forever loved and missed by your family
Sharon, Adam, Mel, Jerome, Patrick, Kristin and Corey.

**HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY
MOM AND DAD!!**

Please join us in celebrating this very special day! We will be having a "Come and Go" tea and we'd like friends of **Fred and Rita Morrish** to drop in for a visit...

Where: Didsbury 5-0 Club

When: May 12th, 2012

Drop in any time between 2:00 and 5:00 pm.

Coffee, tea, juice and snacks will be provided

BYOB if you like

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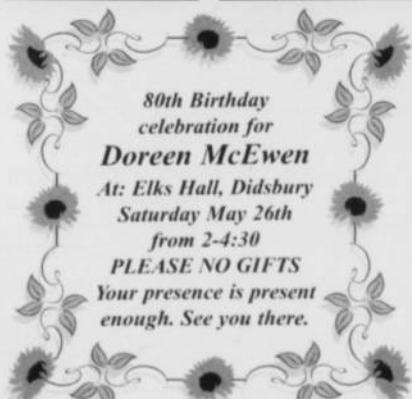
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80th Birthday
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At: Elks Hall, Didsbury
Saturday May 26th
from 2-4:30
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Your presence is present
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A greater staff there has never been!

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

to Dr. Neil Smit, Melanie and Marion of the Carstairs Medical Clinic for all their kindness and loving care.

Thanks to staff at the Didsbury hospital and home care nurses for giving the family the support needed to take Kathy home.

We as a family are overwhelmed and grateful for the support of the community shown through cards, flowers, food, and words of condolence in this our time of sorrow.

Sincerely Rick Kelk and The McCulloch family

Open House
at
Hartmann's Hollow

Come take a look at The 'Guest House,' as well as 'Natural Wood Products' new show room, along with a Garage sale.

Saturday, May 12, 2012
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

3116 Range Road 20
Didsbury, Mountainview County, AB
Just south on 23rd St.

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Carstairs, AB T0M 0N0
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\$99,000

1338 Centre Street, Carstairs



1460 sq ft bungalow, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large lot (69' X 115'), double detached garage

\$275,000

207 Westhill Close



Excellent location, front walkout basement, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, huge lot, single attached garage

\$259,900

27 Deer Coulee Drive



Newer 3 bedroom duplex, 2 1/2 baths, laminate floors, oak kitchen with island, s.s. appliances, great floor plan

\$244,900

6 ACRES of COUNTRY LIVING



Over 1100 sq ft upgraded mobile with solid additions, west facing sunroom, 26' X 35' heated garage/shop, 2 deck, beautifully landscaped, small barn and shelter, great view, west of Didsbury

\$379,999

206 Campus Green



Terrific 45+ suite, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, all appliances, reasonable condo fees, overlooking courtyard, great neighbors

\$189,900

105 Morris Place



4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 9' ceilings, open floor plan, hardwood and slate, maple cabinets, granite counters, in floor heat in basement, gas fireplace, west facing deck

\$379,900

2147 - 23 Avenue



Terrific starter or revenue home, 2 bedrooms, original oak and fir hardwood floors, newer hot water tank and furnace, other upgrades done, nice area of town

\$169,900

Newly Subdivided!



2 acreage parcels close to Didsbury, drilled well and power, nicely located on a ravine, great access to CEN

3.46 Acres \$224,000

2.52 Acres \$214,000

1912 - 20 Street



Great Commercial Building on Didsbury's busiest block, over 2500 sq ft, solid tenant with a long term lease, some additional space to rent as well

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GREAT DEALS ARE RAINING DOWN!

1337 - 25 Street



Family 2 storey, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, oak kitchen, gas fireplace, double garage, good sized lot with H.V. parking off of lane

\$310,000

39 Meadowview Court



1300 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths on main, self contained basement suite w/ in floor heat, oversized double garage, large pie lot

\$344,900

1508 McAlpine St., Carstairs



Gorgeous brand new home, over 1700 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, open plan, maple hardwood, vaulted ceiling, main flr laundry, 9' basement, covered rear deck

\$349,900 includes GST

2145 - 23 Avenue



Newly subdivided vacant lot in a mature Didsbury neighborhood, 35' X 120', zoned R-2, unserviced, call for more info

\$59,900

107 Westridge Place



1585 sq ft fully finished home, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, hardwood, gas fireplace, open plan, huge yard, oversized garage

\$384,900

790 Stonehaven Dr, Carstairs



Immaculate home inside and out shows like new, 2+1 bedrooms, 3 baths, hardwood, fully finished, covered rear deck, underground sprinkler, oversized garage

\$329,900

204 Westhill Close



Great 5 bedroom family home, wood stove, oak kitchen, double garage plus 24' X 14' workshop, super location

\$249,900

2313 - 17 Avenue



perfect family home, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, many recent upgrades including windows and roof, single detached garage, great location

\$229,900

1415 - 23 Avenue



bright home on large lot, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, partial basement development, walk-in closet in master, ensuite with jetted tub, main floor laundry, value priced

\$259,900

1350 - 23 Street



large family home over 1600 sq ft, 4 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, large lot, very nice back yard with patio, newer siding, and more, double garage

\$279,900

808 Stonehaven Dr, Carstairs



Beautiful home, over 1800 sq ft, gas fireplace, vaulted ceilings, two 6' tubs (one jetted), fabulous kitchen, double garage plus 20'X32' heated shop, backs onto the 17th green!

\$419,900

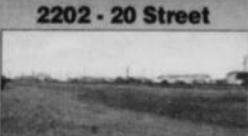
306 Westhill Close



Large well maintained bungalow in prime location, 3 + 1 bdrms, 3 baths, jetted tub, fireplace, dbl stacked garage, beautiful yard

\$279,900

2202 - 20 Street



Terrific commercial land in down town Didsbury, 336 feet of frontage, fully serviced in 2 places, great location

\$199,900

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Come and join us at
St. Cyprian's Anglican Church
STRAWBERRY TEA AND BAKE SALE
Saturday, May 12th
2 - 4 p.m. \$3.00 charge